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**KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 24
For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-23-12**

The **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area** will open to commercial salmon fishing at **noon Sunday, July 8**, and will remain open until further notice.

The **Duck Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** will close to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Sunday, July 8**.

There will be a commercial salmon fishing period in the following sections of the **Alitak District** at the following dates and times:

- The **Olga Bay Section**, from **6:00 a.m. Monday, July 9** to **9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 11**;
- The **Moser Bay Section**, from **noon Monday, July 9** to **3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 11**;
- The **Alitak Bay Section**, from **6:00 p.m. Monday, July 9** to **9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 11**; and,
- The **Cape Alitak** and **Humpy-Deadman** sections from **6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 10** to **9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 12**.

As Previously Announced:

That portion of the **Izhut Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** that is currently open will close for commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 7**.

The following areas will close to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Sunday, July 8**:

- The **Eastside Kodiak District**;

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- The **Mainland District** (except the Igvak and Wide Bay sections remain closed);
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Kizhuyak section remains closed);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District**; and,
- The **Afognak District** (except the Izhut Bay Section will close at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 7).

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the North Shelikof Strait area, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:30 p.m., on Single Side Band frequency 3.230 MHz and VHF channel 6.

The following areas will remain **open until further notice**:

- The **Outer Karluk Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Foul Bay Special Harvest Area**; and
- The **Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area**.

In that **portion of the Northwest and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear, until further notice** in the commercial fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will be **reduced until 9:00 p.m. Sunday, July 8** at **Saltery Creek** (stream # 259-415) **Hearst Creek**, (stream # 259-414) and **Rough Creek** (stream # 259-416) in **Saltery Cove** to the stream terminus of each stream, for both subsistence and commercial salmon fishing, and in **Afognak Bay** (for both commercial and subsistence salmon fishing) to the ADF&G markers located at the stream terminus of Afognak River (stream #252-342).

Closed waters will be **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

- In **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406);
- In **Waterfall Bay** to the stream terminus at Little Waterfall Creek (stream #251-822) and to the stream terminus at Big Waterfall Creek (stream #251-821);

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.